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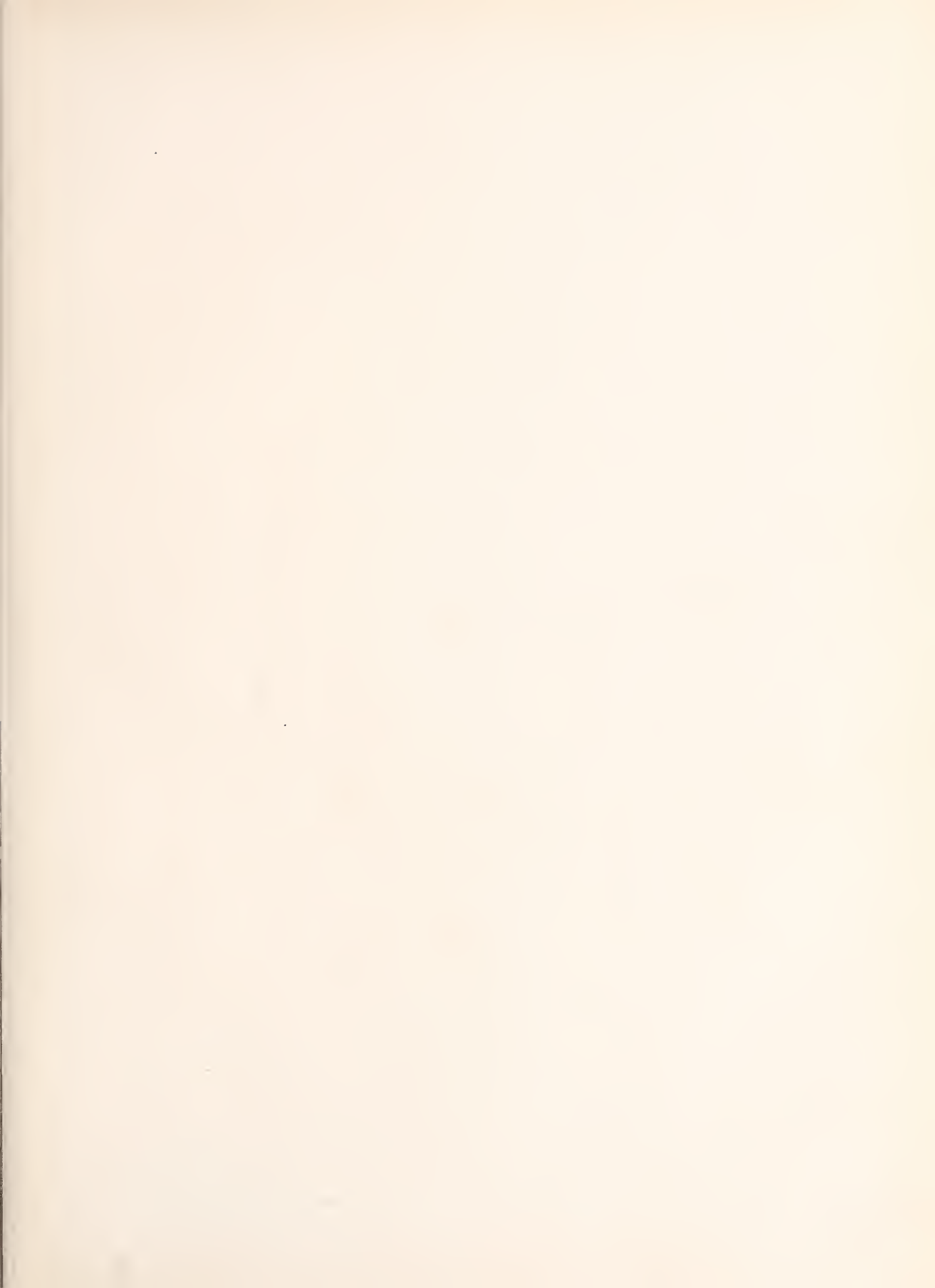
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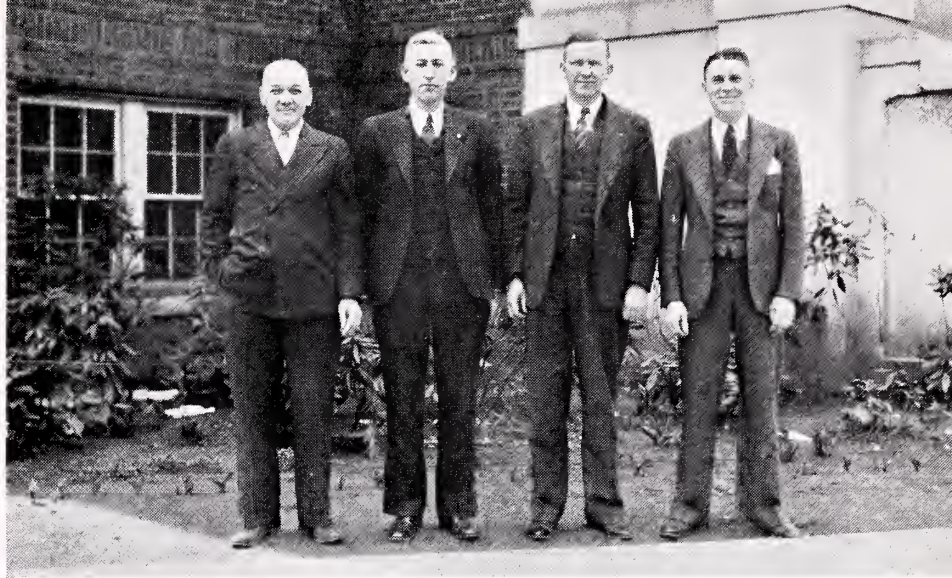
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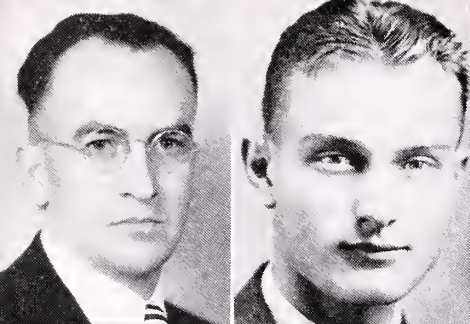


## **To the Members of the Bassett Kiwanis Club:**

**G**RATITUDE for splendid service rendered is often found lacking. In fact, ingratitude is one of the world's chiefest sins. One is prone never to forget something that he does for his fellow man, but the memory of the kindness that he receives from the hands of someone else often fades very quickly.

We, the Senior Class of 1937, do not wish to be listed in that army of the ungrateful. May we acknowledge the splendid service and coöperation which the Bassett Kiwanis Club has rendered to our school, our community, and many of the neighboring communities, by dedicating this third edition of *THE TIMBER TINTS* to the members of this very excellent and worth while organization:

# **DEDICATION**



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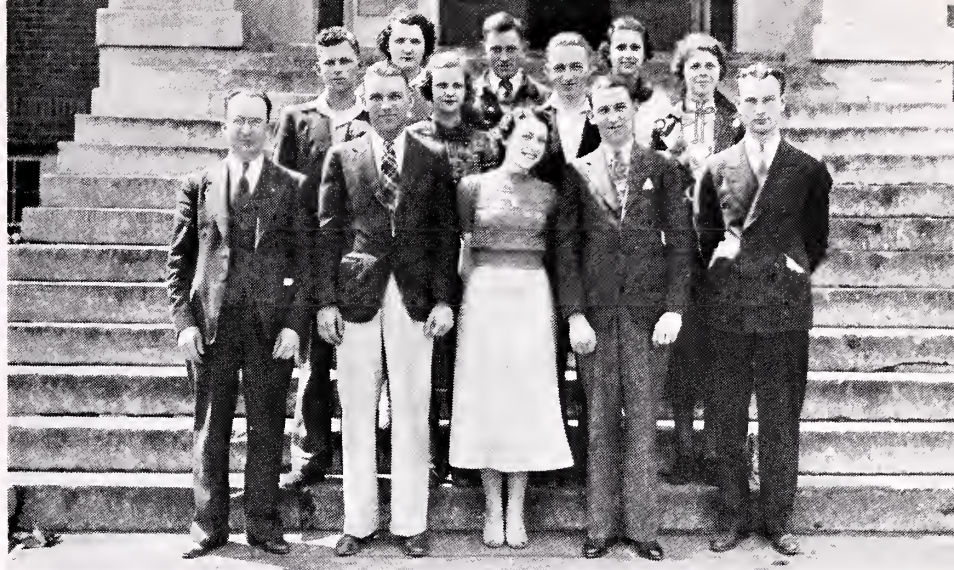


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# THE STAFF

# Senior Class Song

*This year, we will set apart  
Something to keep, down deep in your hearts,  
This year, tho it means many tears,  
Will be a token of our past memories.*

## CHORUS

*To say good-bye is now our problem,  
For our high school days are o'er,  
For we are leaving dear Ole Bassett High,  
The school that is so dear,  
We want to leave a real good name to all,  
To the Junior Class to come  
We hope that they will do the same good things,  
And think of where they're from.*

*As we say adieu to the Junior Class,  
Of the dear Ole Bassett High.  
We have worked these years to accomplish,  
Success for our future years,  
So it's time to tell you all good-by,  
Teachers, Juniors, friends and all,  
So beware of the hearts of the Junior Class,  
And to all of you good-by.*

EVELYN SNEAD

# Senior Class Poem

*Here, standing on the threshold,  
Thinking of the future and the past;  
We remember the rush as the bell tolled,  
And we scrambled roughly into class.*

*We had our quarrels and our scraps,  
But soon all were forgotten and gone;  
We dislike to think of the sorrows and mishaps  
Of those who died, left or stayed on.*

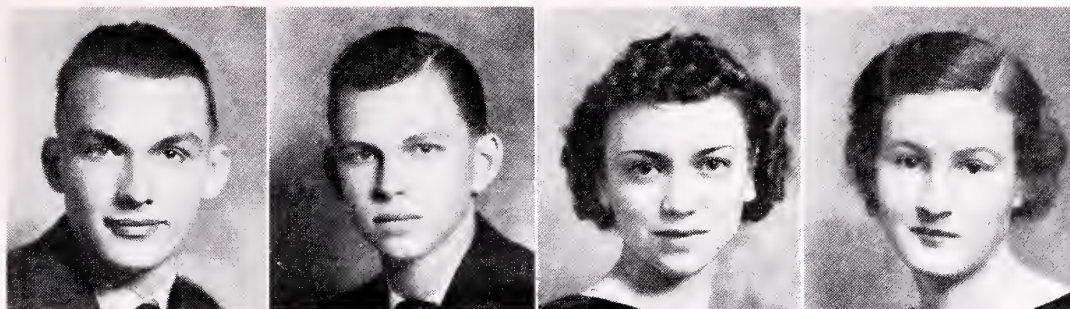
*Forgetting the sorrow, the joy and the past,  
Into the future in awe and reverence we gaze;  
Wondering what fate has in store for the mass  
As we look through the sun's bright rays.*

*To our teachers who have been patient and kind,  
We wish to pay our respects;  
They have tried hard to train our minds,  
And now much of us they expect.*

*To our parents our voices we raise.  
They were always sympathetic and true.  
To you we owe much praise!  
To you great honor is due!*

*We stand at the turning of the ways.  
We shall do our very best  
In every walk our debts to pay  
To dear old B. H. S.*

JOHNNIE AUSBURNE



# SENIORS

## CLASS OFFICERS

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 JIMMIE CRAIG.....*Vice President*  
 THELMA BRAMMER.....*Secretary*  
 LORINE SHROPSHIRE.....*Treasurer*

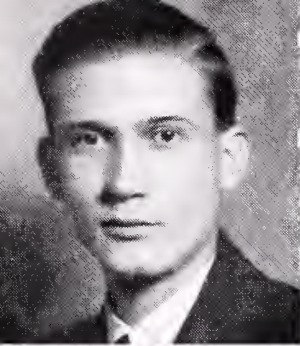
## CLASS ROLL

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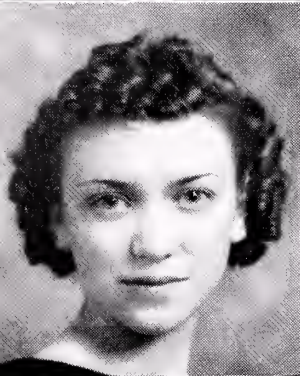




### JOHNNIE AUSBURNE

Industrial Arts Club, '37; Literary Society, '37

*Johnnie's artistic ability has been used to adorn everything from wall-paper to flypaper. . . Talks a lot about nothin'. . . Keeps the Math class alive*



### THELMA BRAMMER

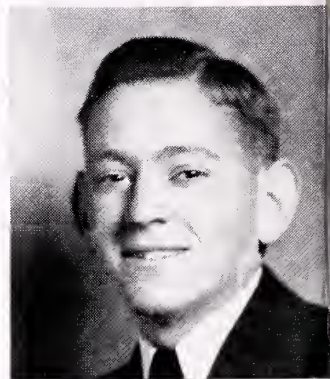
Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Program Chairman, '35; Secretary, '37, Home Eckers; President, Junior Class, '36; Literary Society, '36; President, Literary Society B, '37; Hikers Club, '36; Associate Editor, Newspaper, '36; Editor-in-Chief, Newspaper, '37; President, Beta Club, '37; Secretary, Senior Class, '37; Editor-in Chief, Annual, '37; Valedictorian, '37.

*Fond of eccentric hairdress. . . Queen of all she surveys in the book world. . . Straightforward, dependable young lady with a winning smile*

### ROBERT CARTER

Literary Society, '35, '37; Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Assistant Advertising Manager, Treasurer, Annual, '37; Industrial Arts Club, '37; President, Tall Story Club, '36.

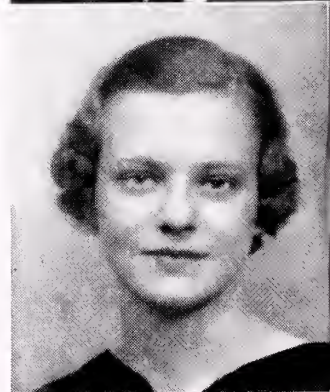
*"Red" Carter's great delight . . .  
Knocking golf balls out of sight.  
Wherever he is found . . .  
A tall story circulates around.*

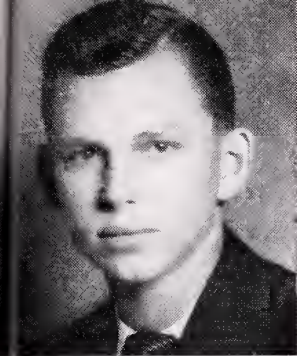


### INEZ CRAIG

Vice President, Freshman Class, '34; Treasurer, Sophomore Class, '35; Treasurer, Junior Class, '36; Miss Bassett, '34; Literary Society, '35, '36; President, General Literary Society, '37; Home Eckers, '35, '36; Vice President, Pianist, Home Eckers, '37; Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Advertising Manager, Annual, '37.

*We shall never fully understand why Inez does not make business her career, although we recognize her efficiency in Home Economics. . . Probably plans to find her way to the heart of a V. P. I. student through his "stummick."*





### JIMMIE CRAIG

Baseball, '34, '35, '36, '37; Basket Ball, '36, '37; Vice President, Junior Class, '36, Senior Class, '37; Industrial Arts Club, '37; President, Literary Society A, '37; Humor Editor, Newspaper, '37, Annual, '37.

*The curly-headed ladies' man. . . Yowsa! Also noted for spontaneous remarks in Government class. . . Won't appear in public unless every curl is in its place*



### LORENE EGGLESTON

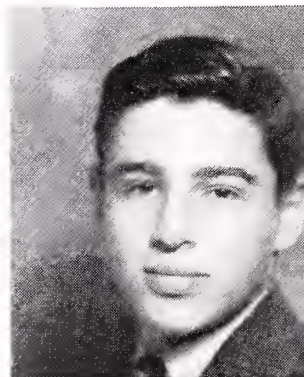
Dramatic Club, '36; Literary Society, '36, '37; Hikers Club, '36; Home Eckers, '36, '37.

*An ecstatic giggle floats down the hall, then a carefree squeal of laughter, and in breezes Lorene. . . Lorene is one of those "specializers" in dramatic art—she's the last word in acting*

### JOEL FINE

Industrial Arts Club, '37; Literary Society, '37; Baseball, '36; Beta Club, '37; Prophet of the Class of '37.

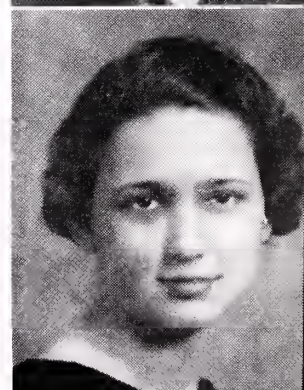
*An excellent example of what ambition will do for one. . . A good fellow in the bargain. . . May be found working, or clowning in the class room*

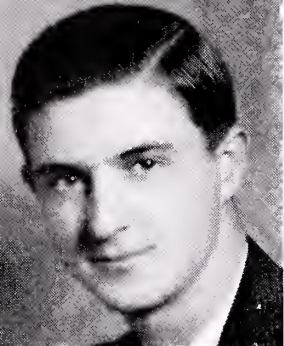


### HAZEL HUNDLEY

Secretary-Treasurer of the Class, '34; Vice President of the Class, '35; Home Economics Club, '35, '36, '37; Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Literary Society, '37; Assistant Campaign Manager, Annual, '37; "Miss Bassett," '37.

*An attractive brunette with a winning smile. . . Neat and independent. . . Enjoys tennis and dancing*

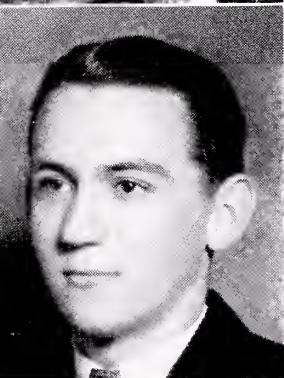




### JOHN HELMS

Literary Society, '35, '36, '37; Dramatic Club, '36; Baseball, '34, '35, '36, '37; Basket Ball, '36; Basket Ball, Manager, '37; Sports Editor, Newspaper, '37; Industrial Arts Club, '37; General Reporter, Literary Society, '37.

*John is slow-moving. . . Thinks living is so tiring. . . Doesn't believe in working one's self to a shadow. . . Has a big hand and a bigger line for everybody*



### PAUL HOLLANDSWORTH

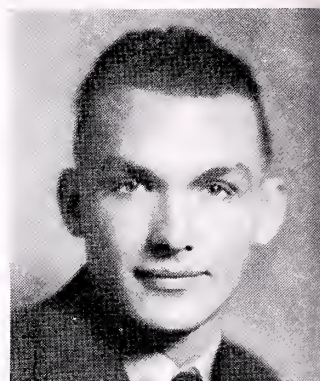
Reporter for Literary Society B, '37; Basket Ball, '37; Baseball, '37; Industrial Arts Club, '37; Associate Editor, Annual, '37.

*A ladies' man. . . Has a smile for everyone. . . A jolly, pleasant-to-work-with-student. . . Nicknamed "BABE"*

### GRAY JARRETT

Football, '32, '33; Baseball, '35, '36, '37; President, Literary Society, '36; Secretary, Literary Society A, '37; Vice President, Dramatic Club, '36; Captain, Baseball, '35; Captain, Basket Ball, '36, '37; Industrial Arts Club, '37; Sports Editor, Newspaper, '36; Associate Editor, Newspaper, '37; Business Manager, Annual, '37; President, Senior Class, '37.

*Prefers being a player to a bench-warmer. . . Just adores athletic girls. . . Has shown his ability as a veritable news-hound. . . A friend when a fellow needs one*



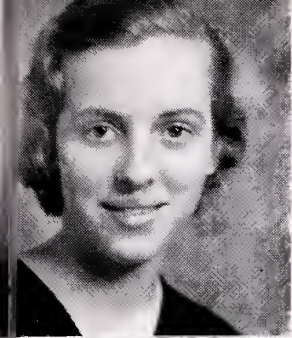
### FRANCES MARTIN

Literary Society, '35, '37; Dramatic Club, '35; Hikers Club, '36.

*Talks quite a bit. . . Studies some, and giggles in between. . . Sees fun in everything. . . Blushes on all occasions*



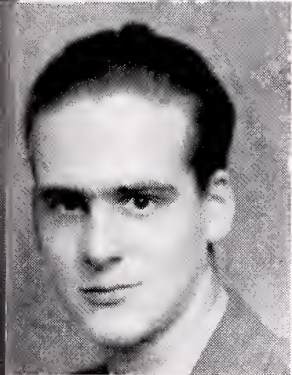




#### ELSIE METZ

Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Literary Society, '36; Parliamentary Critic in the General Literary Society, '37.

*Elsie spends her busy hours finding things to giggle about. . . Gets a real kick out of life and living. . . Very friendly*



#### ALTON PURDY

Industrial Arts Club, '37; Literary Society, '37.

*Ambitious young man who tends toward the more serious things in life. . . Entertains the original belief that people come to school to study. . . Runs Einstein a close second in Math*

#### CELIA SHANKER

Literary Society, '35, '36, '37; Dramatic Club, '36; Home Economics Club, '35, '37; Beta Club, '37; Hikers Club, '36.

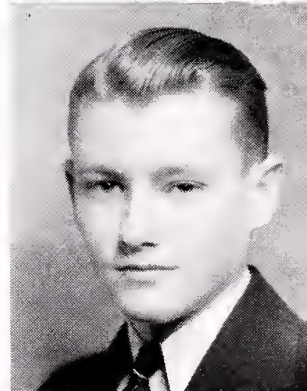
*A live wire in the class room. . . Diminutive individual . . . Mischievous . . . Always in a good humor . . . Red is her favorite color*

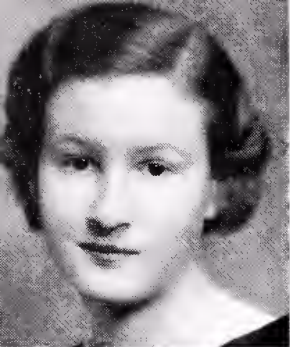


#### R. P. SCOTT, JR.

Industrial Arts Club, '37; Beta Club, '37; Literary Society, '37; Historian of the Class of '37.

*Sets the fashions in sports wear. . . Also has that enviable school-girl blush. . . A remarkable amount of common sense. . . An all-around good student*

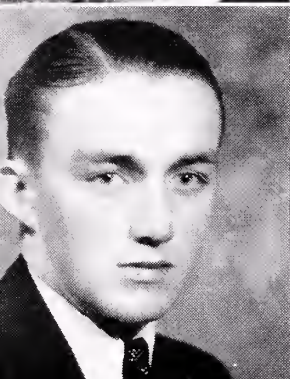




### LORINE SHROPSHIRE

Dramatic Club, '36; Literary Society, '36, '37; Hikers Club, '36; Treasurer of the Senior Class.

*Sparkling eyes set off a genial personality. . . Titian-haired. . .  
Keen sense of humor that keeps a contagious smile upon her  
face. . . Dependable . . . Loyal*



### JOHN SNEAD

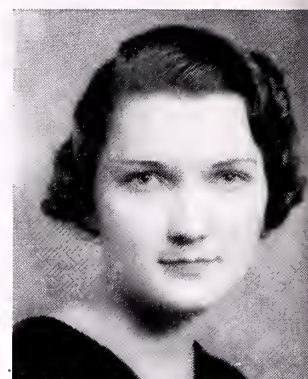
Baseball, '35, '36, '37; Basket Ball, '36, '37; Literary Society, '36, '37; Treasurer of the Literary Society A, '37; Dramatic Club, '36; Business Manager of the Newspaper, '37; Assistant Advertising Manager of the Annual, '37.

*Perpetual motion man. . . Baseball, Basket Ball, Dancing. . . The  
boy with the million dollar blush. . . "Snipe" is biased toward  
pipes . . . and reckless toward his life*

### EVELYN SNEAD

Literary Society, '35, '36, '37; Vice President of the General Literary Society, '37; Home Economics Club, '35, '36, '37; Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Hikers Club, '36; Basket Ball, '36, '37; Humor Editor of the Newspaper, '36; Sports Editor of the Newspaper, '37; Campaign Manager of the Annual, '37.

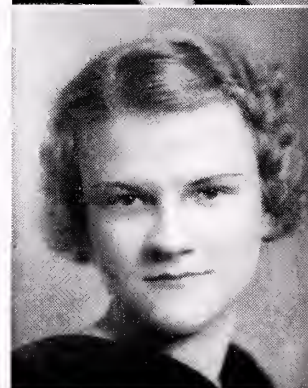
*Sets girls' styles in fashions. . . Has Rhythm with a capital "R."  
Chewing gum parasite. . . Has an affinity for atheletes. . . Set  
a record for not sleeping on the Richmond trip*



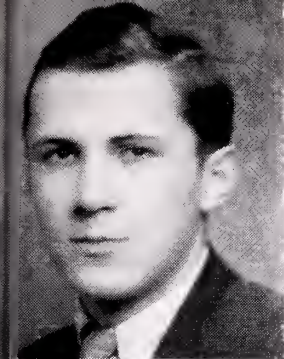
### HAZEL STONE

Literary Society, '35, '36, '37; Dramatic Club, '36; Home Economics Club, '35, '36, '37; Hikers Club, '36.

*Give Hazel a stack of sandwiches—and someone to talk with—and  
she's contented. . . Keeps Wrigley from going bankrupt*



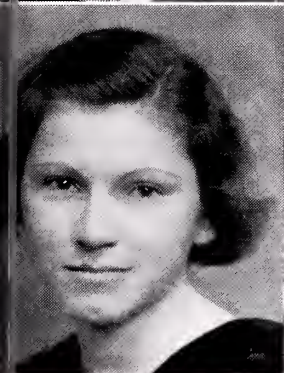




#### ELMEAD TURNER

Industrial Arts Club, '37; Literary Society, '37; Beta Club.

*Elmead is a "B" student—"there's no doubt about it." . . . A sense of humor behind a sober mein. . . A quiet, hard-working shop student. . . A steady thinker*



#### ODESSA TURNER

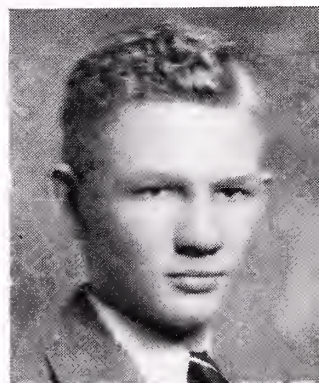
Dramatic Club, '36; Literary Society, '37; Home Economics Club, '37.

*"A small, still voice." . . . Quiet as a tiny mouse. . . Always conscientiously working. . . A very helpful classmate. . . Always knows the assignment at least*

#### WASENA WRIGHT

Dramatic Club, '35; Literary Society, '35, '37; Industrial Arts Club.

*Exceptional shop student. . . Aspires to be an electrician. . . His hair is his crowning glory. . . Used to have a car. . . He now drives a Ford*



#### JUANITA WILLIAMS

Literary Society, '35, '36, '37; Dramatic Club, '35, '36; Basket Ball, '34, '35.

*Works hard at anything she undertakes. . . Thinks there is nothing like classical music for relieving the thoughts of school worries*



# Salutatory Address

FELLOW CLASSMATES, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

TO ME has been given the honor of welcoming you here tonight. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here, parents and friends—to this, our graduation exercise. This is an occasion we have eagerly anticipated for four long years; for tonight we are on the top of the hill looking into the wide expanse—the future. It thrills us to know that you, our friends, are interested enough in us to wish to share this memorable evening with the Class of '37. Again, let me say, we extend to you a hearty welcome!

If we wish to succeed in life we shall need the qualities of leadership which are most essential, namely: Courage, initiative, and dependability. If we win life's battles we must strive to be good leaders, to have courage, and push on. Courage is a characteristic trait of any great leader. General Pershing, who was commander of the American forces in France during the World War, is a good example of a successful leader who possessed this trait. Courage, initiative and dependability are the essentials of leadership—Pershing lacked none of these. His courage and dogged determination to see things through has been the saving grace in many crises faced in his life. He was not regarded as brilliant, but as one destined to succeed through hard, earnest work. Pershing's youthful ambition was to attain a superior education. He succeeded in doing this. He won a scholarship at West Point. When he graduated he at once became active in war service. Courage was, indeed, the answer to General Pershing's success.

Initiative is a second important quality of leadership. The ability to take the lead and keep the lead will bring any one to his goal. Several boys and girls of the Class of '37 possess the ability to lead. For four years they have shown their abilities as presidents of various organizations in the school. They have organized several new clubs and have labored earnestly to make them successful. There are others who have made fine followers. They have contributed to the success of these organizations by their whole-hearted cooperation with the leaders and other members. As we enter into this new life we are sure that each will become leaders in their community.

A third quality of leadership is dependability. If a person is faithful and reliable he will win popularity with every one. Faithfulness and reliability help to establish a reputation which will mean success. This trait will aid one in securing a good position. These traits have placed several members of the Class at the head of its activities. Because they could be trusted to work hard and do their best, certain students have been placed in charge of important projects. I assure you that every member of this class wants to be and can be trusted to do his or her part; for each has shown in his school days that he wants to accomplish something.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our parents who have helped us reach this important milestone of our lives. You have been our inspiration when days were hard and tasks were difficult. You have given us encouragement when we needed a boost to help us over the ruts in our path. We know you will follow us and keep a watchful eye on our progress after we leave Bassett High School.

To our teachers we also extend a gracious welcome. You have been our guiding light—the beacon on the hill. With tireless patience you have struggled to instill in our minds the traits of character which will make us fine men and women, to impart to us the knowledge we have so eagerly sought at Bassett High School.

To one and all assembled here we extend a hearty welcome.

ELMEAD TURNER

## **Valedictory Address**

PARENTS, TEACHERS, CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS:

**H**APPINESS is the requisite of a successful life. It is a virtue which all people desire, and a quality for which everyone strives. It is the goal toward which all eyes are turned, for happiness is one of the greatest assets a human being can possess. Man cannot endure the trials of the world without some joy and happiness to which he may look forward. There are many brave souls who struggle valiantly on, even though the way seems dark and narrow, but through the dark clouds they see a ray of hope. Their trust and faith that they will receive the reward of joy and peace in the end makes these souls strive courageously on. Although many have to put forth great effort in order to gain happiness, this state of bliss is a gift with some people. Those who are fortunate enough to have this good disposition should help others in their struggle for it.

People with the gift of an optimistic nature could help greatly, for happiness is very contagious. Association with a genial person always puts one in a better frame of mind and revives his spirit. Joy shows in our faces, for happiness always shines through our eyes and leaves a smiling visage. A pleasant countenance is one of the greatest ornaments one can have; it is to be desired more than riches and fine clothing.

A smiling visage wins for us many true friends, as every one likes to be near a happy soul. Although one may have much wealth, triumphs, and honors to his name, his life is not successful unless he acquires happiness. Riches do not make happiness, for this quality cannot be bought nor sold. The wealthy people

are often the most discontented, while the poor are the happy ones who find joy in simple things. Those who see the gloomy side of every picture are not the ones who usually attain success. The optimistic person is the one who climbs steadily on to his goal and reaches the highest mark.

Occupation is a necessity. The mind must be occupied, the hands must be kept busy, or we cannot have contentment and peace. Those who rise and watch the day pass with no work to do feel only wretchedness. But the ones who can sit down at dusk with the thoughts of a day well spent and tasks well finished have the blissful feeling of utter satisfaction. The old adage, "The devil finds work for idle hands," shows the absolute necessity of occupation if a person wishes to make a good name for himself. The man who has no purpose for which to work in life is lost. A definite goal must needs be set up so that he can look forward and work steadily, or he may stray from the path. The idle person spends his many leisure hours thinking of some quick, but usually dishonest means of obtaining what he desires. Most wickedness and discontent breed in the idle hours of the unemployed.

Our tasks can never be accomplished by shirking them. Although the job may seem difficult, we must not be discouraged. The larger tasks cannot be accomplished unless the little, tedious labors are first well done. Those who don't weaken under failure's weight, who shrug their shoulders at despair, who never cry at fate's blows, are the ones who reach the heights.

Hard work makes men and women out of us. The person who is always dependent on others never learns to stand on his own feet. If his way is made smooth by friends, if cares and tasks are kept from him, then he will never know what to do when trouble comes and there is no one near to help him. Going to bed tired from honest labor and fighting our own battles will serve to increase our perseverance and make us resolute. Emerson says: "Every man's task is his life preserver."

Work should be every man's watchword, whether it may stand for the simple labor in the fields or more distinguished employment in the cities. We must not demean labor as if it were only efforts which the poor must put forth in order to live. Neither should we think of work as a means only of earning a livelihood. We should enjoy our labors, find happiness in work, joy in our well-accomplished tasks, and pleasure in our achievements. Work will not ask any one to sell his pride. The man whom we see with his head erect and his shoulders thrown back, who walks with an elastic, independent step, had some honest job with which to earn his living. He has a clear conscience; he is not afraid to face the world. If a man is willing to labor, then he need not ask any one for small favors, nor does he hold his place at any man's kindness. He gains his position through his toiling, and it is then his undisputedly. The energetic worker has



no fear of the future. He has freedom, and he is not afraid to voice his opinions to any one. His soul is his till the day he dies.

Work commands respect, maintains freedom, upholds pride, sustains faith, promotes peace, and yields happiness. If a man's duty is favorably done, he may realize any of these desirable rewards. But the pay which he relishes the keenest is the pleasure and satisfaction he gets out of a task well done. Truly, the way to happiness is work. Edgar A. Guest expresses it in the following lines:

*"Who reads the book of life may be assured  
The happiest hearts have many an ache endured.  
For that contentment mortals prize  
'Twixt storm and strife forever lies,  
And happiness, the truth to tell,  
Is man's reward for tasks done well."*

Now our work in this school is finished, and we must say good-bye to our faithful teachers who have been such great help to us. You, the teachers in Bassett High School have instructed us carefully and have guided us in the best way you know how. We are extremely grateful for your patience with us; your kindness will never be forgotten.

To our parents, we owe the greatest tribute. You have always stood back of us when we needed support. Your advice and encouragement have never failed when we needed them. You are always the first to congratulate us in victory and to sympathize with us in sorrow. When disappointment stings and failure seems to stare us in the face, we know that you will ever be near to comfort us. And we know that your interest in us does not cease with this milestone we have reached. Even though we may not attain the heights reached by great men and women, you will watch us fill our nook wherever it may be. For this we are thankful.

We, the Class of '37 of Bassett High School, have toiled together for four long years. There were days of hardships, when the way looked dark and dreary. But always some guiding hand gave us a lift, and we started again on the journey. Since we have worked together for such a long period of time, very intimate associations have been formed. Tonight, there is a tug at our heartstrings when we realize that we stand together as a class in Bassett High School for the last time. I, as the last spokesman for the Class of '37, wish to say to you, my classmates, that friendships have been formed through our associations here which will never be severed. We shall watch the progress of one another eagerly and secretly exalt when some victory has been won. Let us hope that life's pathways may cross often and the contacts which we began here in Bassett High School may be renewed with fervor. We leave you with sorrow in our hearts, but with real gratitude for the Class of '37 and what it as a class has meant to each of us. To one and all, a fond farewell!

THELMA BRAMMER



# Class History

Bassett, Virginia  
May 17, 1937

DEAR BEE,

In the fall of thirty-three there entered into the Land of Learning forty-three frisky little seekers of knowledge. We knew for the first time how it felt to be called Freshmen—"Rats—" but oh, my, were we proud of the name. Many "Freshies" came up from the seventh grade, where we had for many months been busily engaged in storing our minds with the honey of wisdom; some were from other halls of instruction; others came from farms and nearby communities. A few were shy and timid at first, but this soon wore away and each became as one of the rest.

Miss Betty Davidson was our instructor, who led us on toward our goal. The class elected as our president, Helen Bowers.

In March, nineteen hundred and thirty-four, a beauty pageant was given to raise funds for the school. Many of the cute little Freshman girls were contestants. The cup was carried off by one of our classmates, Inez Craig. Are you not surprised? It must have been that winning smile of hers.

There were many smiles among our classmates the last day of school, but there were many tears shed, too. One classmate said she supposed she was just dumb and could not pass. Another said, "I have been lazy, so I cannot pass." The majority of our class passed into the second year.

My! how the time does fly. Vacation days were over and after a long rest we were ready to start studying again. This year we entered into Miss Clyde Ramsey's room. Some of our old classmates did not return. Some new ones joined us here. They were Juanita Williams, Doris Vaughn, Juanita Dowdy, Johnnie Ausburne, Quayle Early and C. M. Stafford. One day in midwinter a little dark-haired girl came to be with us. She was none other than Celia Shanker. Although she was put behind in changing schools, she soon caught up with the rest of the class.

The Literary Society was begun and sponsored by Miss Olivia Brown. The Dramatic Club was sponsored by Miss Betty Davidson. Many Sophomores were members of these clubs.

During the year two of our beloved classmates, Juanita Dowdy and O. C. Thomasson left us. There was also much sorrow when it was known that two of our teachers, Miss Betty Davidson and Miss Olivia Brown were to be married and would not return to be with us the following year.

This year was the beginning of THE TIMBER TINTS, the first annual of Bassett High School. We, the Sophomore Class were represented by a group picture in the annual.

May came at last. Examinations were over and everyone wondered if he passed on History or English. The majority passed but some had to try again.

It was fall again, although it seemed that vacation had just begun. Were we excited to be in the same room with the dignified Seniors. We also had some new ones, Evelyn Snead, John Snead, Edward Varner, Elsie Matthews, Lorene Eggleston, Alton Purdy and Gray Jarrett. Two of our old classmates said, "We are going to be married, so we need not graduate." They were Zella Choate and Bee Wagoner. Another, Anne Stanley, went to school in Richmond, Virginia.

The Dramatic Club was formed and sponsored by Mr. William J. Story and many of the Juniors were members. Many plays were planned but in the end they were never given. The Literary Society and Hikers Club were formed by Miss Virginia Romm.

Our class was not forgotten in the athletic field. Gray Jarrett, Jimmie Craig, John Snead and John Helms played basket ball and baseball. The boys were baseball champions. Some of the girls who played basket ball were Evelyn Snead, Lorene Eggleston and Juanita Williams. They helped win the County Championship.





One day there were many tears shed by some of the Junior girls in History IV Class. A trip had been planned to Richmond and there was much disappointment when the trip was postponed because of bad weather. They did go the next week-end and had a good time.

The Junior-Senior banquet was a fete enjoyed by all. The banquet was in the form of an aeroplane trip with aeroplane decorations and green and yellow color scheme. Thelma Brammer, junior class president, was toastmistress.

The day after school closed we, the Junior Class, had a picnic. Nearly all the Juniors were present. As it was raining we went to the Country Club House, but it later cleared off and everyone had a good time. This was our last gathering until the next fall.

In the fall of thirty-six we entered Bassett High School for our last year. Some old students did not return, they were: Helen Bowers, Doris Vaughn, and C. M. Stafford. We were joined by some new ones: Paul Hollandsworth and Quayle Early. Quayle Early did not stay with us but about a month and he moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, and entered high school there.

The Senior Class elected as our President, Gray Jarrett; Vice President, Jimmie Craig; Secretary, Thelma Brammer; and Treasurer, Lorine Shropshire.

Again we were represented by the same group of athletes, joined by Paul Hollandsworth. John Helms was manager of the basket ball team.

A play, "Sky High," was presented in the auditorium under the direction of Miss Sara Jane Jose. Some of the Senior boys and girls, Inez Craig, Lorene Eggleston, John Helms and Gray Jarrett, were chosen to play important parts in this play. The Seniors who participated in the chorus were Juanita Williams, Frances Martin, Elsie Metz and Celia Shanker.

The Seniors had a meeting and elected the following representatives of the Class: Lorine Shropshire as Historian, R. P. Scott as Framer of the Last Will and Testament, Joel Fine as Prophet, Johnnie Ausburne as Poet, and Evelyn Snead as Song Composer aided by Lorene Eggleston. The honor of Valedictorian was won by Thelma Brammer while the honor of Salutatorian went to Elmead Turner. Other honors given to the Seniors were: Thelma Brammer, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, Gray Jarrett, Associate Editor, John Snead, Business Manager, Celia Shanker, Senior Reporter, Evelyn Snead and John Helms, Sports Reporters, Inez Craig, Society Editor, and Jimmie Craig, Humor Editor. The class chose as the Editor-in-Chief of the annual, Thelma Brammer.

The Bassett High School Literary Society was organized which was compulsory for all High School students. Inez Craig was elected president of the General Literary Society. The High School was then divided into two competitive societies. Mr. Harvey Cooper took charge of Group A which was called Patrick Henry Literary Society, and Miss Mildred Akers took charge of Group B which was called the Jeffersonian Literary Society. Jimmie Craig was elected President of the Patrick Henry Society, while Thelma Brammer was chosen President of the Jeffersonian Society.

The Home Economics Club was organized by Miss Clyde Ramsey. The Beta Club was formed for the first time in Bassett High School with Mr. Hoover as sponsor. Some of the Seniors who were eligible for membership were Thelma Brammer, who became President of the Club, Celia Shanker, Elmead Turner, R. P. Scott, and Joel Fine.

On March 19th a Beauty Pageant was given and some of the Senior girls were contestants. Hazel Hundley, one of our classmates, was selected as "Miss Bassett of 1937."

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the Riverside Hotel April 9, 1937. It is an occasion which is anticipated with much pleasure.

We expect this record of our class to go down in print and to become one of the famous histories of America.

Sincerely yours,

LORINE SHROPSHIRE



# The Crystal Gazer

*I gaze into the magic crystal ball,  
The mystic sphere which holds the past  
And future of my classmates each and all;  
And like the wind they move so fast.  
With outstretched hands I try to grasp  
Them close to me and hold them tight,  
And never again let them out of my sight.*

*As the mysterious smoke which enshrouds the ball  
Thins and disappears,  
I see the name that I love best,  
The three letters that are engraved upon my mind,  
Good old B.H.S. where the immortal sun will forever shine.  
Behold this name I see some more;  
Lo, it is the date of 1954.*

*I am standing on the corner of something very new,  
For in 1954 it's a streamline avenue.  
Suspended from a building is a sign of white and brown.*

*On it reads, "Vote for Elmead Turner for the mayor of this modernistic town."*

*On passing by the "Radium Theater,"  
I wanted to know what's playing.  
On the screen was "The Purple Sage"  
Plus Evelyn Snead and Celia Shanker on the stage.*

*Next to this was a music studio.  
Who rented this studio I'd like to know,  
So I read the sign above that stated:  
"Inez Craig and Hazel Hundley, Incorporated."*

*On the next block was a radio store.  
The whole front was trimmed with Neon lights;  
On the roof was the word that I adore,  
With letters six feet tall, "W. F. Wright's."*

*Oh, I hear a noise above me,  
It's an airplane that I see.  
In 1954 it's the only means of transportation,  
Thanks to R. P. Scott for this progress in aviation.*

*Speeding down the street  
In an airflow limousine,  
Was the grandest sight I've ever seen.  
There sat Juanita Williams with a pearl necklace  
Around her neck  
And a diamond pin in her hair,  
For she had married a multi-millionaire.*

*As I walked unconsciously on the way,  
I bumped into a friend of mine of bygone days.  
Today he was the king of speed,  
It was none other than handsome John Snead.*

*I looked across the wide avenue.  
A humorous sight came into view.  
Why, it was the funniest sight in all the land;  
It was Hazel Stone running a beauty stand.*

*In passing the town's golf course,  
I noticed on the green  
Robert Carter taking the cup  
For being the national champion.*

*I noticed up the street a crowd of girls around  
An old pal of mine from my home town,  
For then and there he made his show;  
It was Paul Hollandsworth, the professional gigilo.*

*By me passed two enormous trucks  
Loaded with pigs, chickens and ducks.  
Although he did not become a girl charmer,  
God made Alton Purdy a prosperous farmer.*

*In passing by a horse race track,  
I saw John Helms on a horse's back.  
And on his face were scratches and smudges,  
And around him stood three stately judges.  
Since my school days I wasn't surprised,  
That some day John Helms would take the first prize.*

*I heard a voice shouting behind me,  
I turned around to see who it could be.  
It was neither Gable, Garbo or Taylor;  
It was Lorine Shropshire, Sec. of Labor.  
She said, "I'm glad to see you, Joel Fine."  
"Come up and see me, and I'll give you a job, sometime."*

*I was as weary as can be  
When a beautiful painting attracted me.  
I hurried over there to be sure,  
And to be true at the bottom was Johnnie Ausburne's signature.*

*Oh, there's an accident, and someone has broken a leg.  
Oh, my stars, it's Jimmie Craig.  
I knew that great comedians couldn't last,  
For now he's got his leg in a cast.  
And gee, with Elsie Metz as his nurse,  
I know that's a lot of money out of somebody's purse.*

*I noticed signs floating everywhere  
Of the new sensation that was in the air;  
Thelma Brammer has written a new book  
On "Why Should Women Learn To Cook."*

*There's a public gathering up the street.  
A piece of land was being confiscated;  
And whom do you think I should meet—  
Odessa Turner, married and domesticated.*

*The latest news is out,  
And it's all about  
A woman has been elected.  
It should have been expected  
That Lorene Eggleston  
Would some day go to Washington.*

*I stopped to visit an old friend of mine,  
The most well-known man at this time;  
Gray Jarrett has become a great orator  
And acquired the job as state legislator.*

*As I turned the last corner of this paradise,  
I met someone who was very nice.  
I asked her for her autograph;  
Frances Martin is on the President's staff.*

—JOE FINE.



# A Cruise With The Merry Gang

WERE you invited to take a cruise with the Merry Gang? If you weren't, then we certainly feel sorry for you, for you don't know what you missed. We embarked on this voyage April 9th at the Riverside Hotel with a crew of sixty.

Passports, which were issued a week previous to the voyage, had on them a description of the persons to whom they belonged, and invited them to the mess hall of the ship Bassett High School at 8 bells. Every passenger had to present his passport at the dock in order to board the ship. However, there were many stowaways.

The mess hall carried out the color scheme of red and white, and ships were placed here and there on the tables. The favors were small red and white ships on which were attached a lifesaver and a small life boat full of mints. The programs, which were red and white, had a very artistic ship design on the front. All the sailors wore red and white sailor caps.

The course of the cruise was as follows:

Song—Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here.....	(ALL)
The Commanding Officer (Toastmaster).....	HOWARD WHITE
Toast to Seniors.....	CODELL JONES (President of the Junior Class)
Stories Heard on Deck (Senior Poem).....	JOHNNIE AUSBURNE
Piano Solo.....	HAZEL HUNDLEY
Tribute to an Old Boat (Senior Prophecy).....	JOEL FINE
An Old Sailor's Story (Senior History).....	LORINE SHROPSHIRE
Toast to Faculty.....	JUNE STONE
Song.....	{ JUNE STONE, VIRGINIA GROGAN, DOROTHY HAMLIN, MAXINE PHILPOTT AND JESSIE WILLIAMS.
Cruiser's Will (Last Will and Testament).....	R. P. SCOTT, JR.
A Cablegram (Toast to Juniors).....	GRAY JARRETT (President of Senior Class)

Many jokes were told, making the trip a very gay one. A storm occurred at sea when all the passengers started throwing mints at each other, and the commanding officer had quite a time making his orders heard.

The mess consisted of:

Lighthouse.....	Tomato Juice
Driftwood.....	Veal Cutlets
Barometer.....	Potatoes
Rudders.....	Beets
Searchlights.....	String Beans
Waves.....	Cherry Jello
Portholes.....	Buttered Rolls
Pirate's Delight.....	Angel Food Cake
Icebergs.....	Ice Cream

Those who went on the cruise were: Misses Thelma Brammer, Inez Craig, Lorene Eggleston, Hazel Hundley, Frances Martin, Elsie Metz, Celia Shanker, Evelyn Snead, Hazel Stone, Lorine Shropshire, Odessa Turner, Juanita Williams, Mabel Joyce, Marjorie Clark, Mildred Franklin, Virginia Bell Franklin, Virginia Grogan, Dorothy Hamlin, Myrtle Hancock, Mildred Helms, Minnie Helms, Codell Jones, Edna Joyce, Hope Leftwich, Elsie Mitchell, Nellie Moran, Maxine Philpott, Nellie Philpott, Arlene Prillaman, Estelle Prillaman, Reva Shelton, June Stone, Jessie Williams, Ellery White, Mildred Akers, Clyde Ramsey, and Dora Mitchell. Messrs. Johnnie Ausburne, Robert Carter, Jimmie Craig, Joel Fine, John Helms, Paul Hollandsworth, Gray Jarrett, Alton Purdy, R. P. Scott, Jr., John Snead, Elmead Turner, Wasena Wright, Jason Giles, Ralph Ingram, Mack Little, Melvin Stone, Edward Varner, Howard White, E. C. Hoover, Christian Merritt and Harvey Cooper.

The faculty sponsors for the banquet were Misses Ramsey and Flannagan and Mr. Cooper.

# **Last Will and Testament**

**W**E, THE Class of 1937, in twenty-four individual and distinct parts, preparing to pass out of this sphere of education with a well-trained mind and almost superhuman understanding, do make and publish this, our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills or promises by us at any time heretofore made.

As to our estate, as it has pleased the fates and our own strong hands and brains to win for us, we do dispose of the same as follows:

1. We give and bequeath to our beloved principal, Mr. E. C. Hoover, our deepest reverence, and our heartiest gratitude. As a partial payment for all the help which he has given us during our long years at Bassett High School, we give to him the privilege to accept for himself, as interest on our great debt, every part of the praise and honor that we may achieve on the great stage of the world, knowing that it is all due to his faithful instructions.

2. We give and bequeath to the dear faculty, who have been our instructors in all the wisdom of the ages, a sweet succession of peaceful and unbroken dreams. No longer need they lie awake at night and worry over the possibility of this one not doing his work, or whether this one will remember the iron-clad rules of English in the preparation of her essay. It has been a hard strain on them, for Seniors are said to be hard to handle at all times.

3. We also give and bequeath to our beloved faculty all the amazing and startling information that we have furnished them from time to time on our examination papers. We trust they will feel at liberty to make use of all such bits of wisdom and enlightenment for the education of the classes to come after us.

4. We give and bequeath to the present Junior Class our seats in classroom and chapel, our Senior dignity, and any stubs of pencils, erasers, or scraps of paper that we may unthinkingly leave behind us in the haste and excitement of gathering up our cherished treasures for the last time. May they feel free to make use of them, and feel, perhaps, that in some mystic way, these things may impart some of our great knowledge to them.

The following may seem but trifling bequests, but we hope they may be accepted as valuable assets to those who may receive them:

5. Johnnie Ausburne gives and bequeaths to Maxine Philpott and Marjorie Clark his "gift of gab."

6. Thelma Brammer and Gray Jarrett give and bequeath to Jesse Williams and Nellie Philpott their executive abilities and their powers to convince Mr. Hoover of their unerring judgment.

7. Lorine Shropshire gives and bequeaths to all future class secretaries her difficulties as Senior Class Secretary.



8. John Snead and Jimmy Craig give and bequeath to Ralph Ingram and Ellery White all their secrets in mastering the arts of baseball and basket ball.

9. Alton Purdy gives and bequeaths to Mildred Helms and Eva Young his immense knowledge in questions pertaining to history.

10. Lorine Eggleston gives and bequeaths to Lucy Stone and Virginia Belle Franklin her Senior dignity.

11. Celia Shanker gives and bequeaths to Dorothy Hamlin and Reva Shelton her spelling book and chewing gum.

12. Wasena Wright gives and bequeaths to Nellie Moran and Hope Leftwich his debating abilities and his bluff.

13. Juanita Williams, Evelyn Snead, and Hazel Hundley give and bequeath to Jason Giles their musical gifts. "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast."

14. Frances Martin gives and bequeaths to Minnie Helms and Mildred Franklin her cheerful disposition.

15. Paul Hollandsworth gives and bequeaths to Howard White his charming personality.

16. John Helms gives and bequeaths to June Stone and Estelle Prillaman his southern accent and his vast knowledge of horseflesh.

17. Odessa Turner gives and bequeaths to Edna Joyce and Annie Bowles her ability to express much through silence.

18. Robert Carter gives and bequeaths to Virginia Grogan and Irene Walker his golfing talents and his friendliness to every one.

19. Hazel Stone gives and bequeaths to Melvin Stone her enormous appetite for peanuts.

20. Elmead Turner gives and bequeaths to Mack Little his almost super-human understanding.

21. Inez Craig gives and bequeaths to Codell Jones her leadership of the Literary Society. Also, all low and unsatisfactory deportment grades acquired by her during the past year.

All the rest, residue, and remainder of the property of the Senior Class we hereby bequeath to the Student Body.

We hereby constitute and appoint Mr. Hoover sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

Given under our hand and seal this seventeenth day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

CLASS OF 1937, BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL (*Seal*)

R. P. SCOTT (*Seal*)

*Prettiest*  
HAZEL HUNDLEY



*Most Handsome*  
JOHN HELMS

*Most Attractive*  
CELIA SHANKER



*Most Attractive*  
JIMMIE CRAIG

*Best All Around*  
EVELYN SNEAD



*Best All Around*  
GRAY JARRETT

*Most Studious*  
THELMA BRAMMER



*Most Studious*  
ELMEAD TURNER

*Most Popular*  
EVELYN SNEAD



*Most Popular*  
ROBERT CARTER

*Most Humorous*  
CELIA SHANKER



*Most Humorous*  
JOHNNIE AUSBURNE

## Senior Mirror

*Best Looking*  
MISS RAMSEY



*Most Popular*  
MISS AKERS



*Most Attractive*  
MISS AKERS



*Best All Around*  
MISS AKERS



*Wittiest*  
MISS RAMSEY



*Best Looking*  
MR. COOPER

*Most Popular*  
MR. COOPER

*Most Attractive*  
MR. COOPER



*Best All Around*  
MR. MERRITT



*Wittiest*  
MR. MERRITT

## Faculty Mirror





## Snapshots



# Class Officers

## JUNIOR

*President*.....CODELL JONES  
*Vice President*.....NELLIE PHILPOTT  
*Secretary*.....VIRGINIA GROGAN  
*Treasurer*.....JESSIE WILLIAMS

## SOPHOMORE

*President*.....RICHARD DAVID GILES, JR.  
*Vice President*.....DORIS BERRY  
*Secretary*.....BEATRICE YEAMAN  
*Treasurer*.....EULYS GREENALL

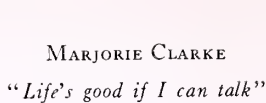
## FRESHMEN

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*Vice President*.....T. F. GROGAN, JR.  
*Secretary*.....LESSIE MAE SHELTON  
*Treasurer*.....AGNES MASON



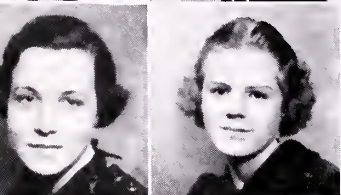
ANNIE BOWLES

*"Much could be said of her  
if we could but read her mind"*



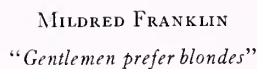
MARJORIE CLARKE

*"Life's good if I can talk"*



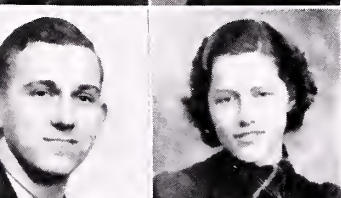
VIRGINIA BELLE FRANKLIN

*"What I must do is all that  
concerns me, not what  
people think"*



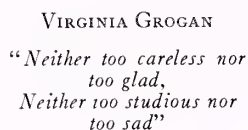
MILDRED FRANKLIN

*"Gentlemen prefer blondes"*



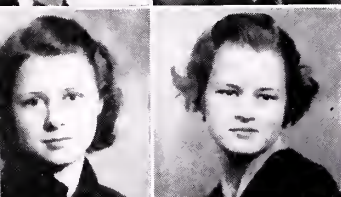
JASON GILES

*"Happy all the livelong day,  
in his sweet and  
childish way"*



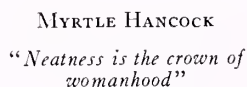
VIRGINIA GROGAN

*"Neither too careless nor  
too glad,  
Neither too studious nor  
too sad"*



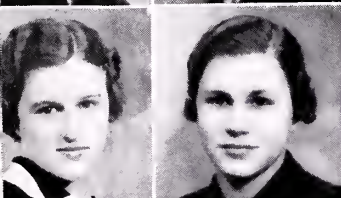
DOROTHY HAMLIN

*"Here's a girl with a laugh  
and a smile,"  
that makes the bubble of  
life worth while"*



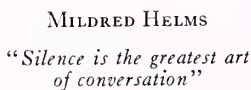
MYRTLE HANCOCK

*"Neatness is the crown of  
womanhood"*



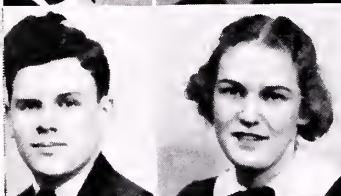
MINNIE HELMS

*"What is more useful than  
silence——  
it never betrays you"*



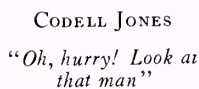
MILDRED HELMS

*"Silence is the greatest art  
of conversation"*



RALPH INGRAM

*"Live and have a good time  
while you may,  
You may never see another  
day"*



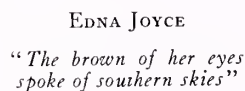
CODELL JONES

*"Oh, hurry! Look at  
that man"*



MABEL JOYCE

*"What's the use of worrying,  
it never was worth while"*



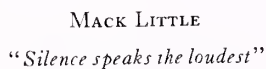
EDNA JOYCE

*"The brown of her eyes  
spoke of southern skies"*



HOPE LEFTWICH

*"Of honest worth; truly one  
on whom we can depend"*



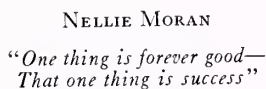
MACK LITTLE

*"Silence speaks the loudest"*



ELSIE MITCHELL

*"A loyal worker she is  
known to be,  
whatever her task may be"*



NELLIE MORAN

*"One thing is forever good—  
That one thing is success"*

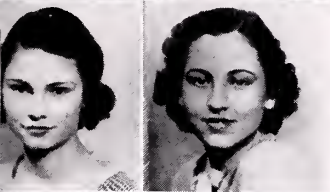


NELLIE PHILPOTT

*"Much in her to love and  
admire"*

MAXINE PHILPOTT

*"To worry little, to study less,  
Is my idea of happiness"*

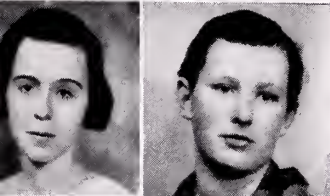


ARLENE PRILLAMAN

*"Her manner quiet and  
refined"*

ESTELLE PRILLAMAN

*"Let me do what honor  
demands"*



VIOLET RICHARDSON

*"The fruit of the tree of  
silence is peace"*

EDITH SEAY

*"She talks the way of  
friendly hearts"*

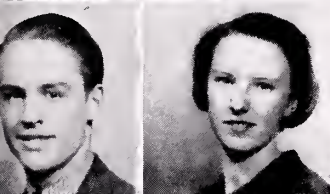


RUBY SEAY

*"A small body oft hides a  
great soul"*

REVA SHELTON

*"Beware, I may do some-  
thing yet"*



MELVIN STONE

*"Never do today what you  
can do tomorrow"*

LUCY STONE

*"All her success in life is due  
to having been a quarter of  
an hour before hand"*

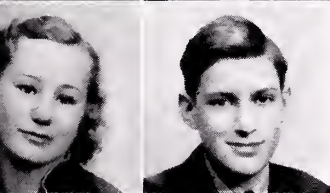


JUNE STONE

*"Genius is an affair of  
energy"*

EDWARD VARNER

*"A man's a man for a' that"*



IRENE WALKER

*"Faithfulness and sincerity  
first of all"*

HOWARD WHITE

*"Behold the paralyzer of  
feminine hearts!"*

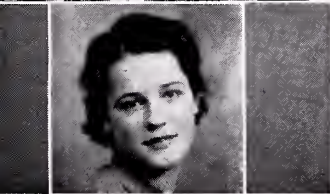


ELLERY WHITE

*"To be loved is all I need,  
And whom I love,  
I love indeed"*

JESSIE WILLIAMS

*"How can I study with love  
affairs on my mind?"*



EVA YOUNG

*" 'Round her eyes her tresses  
fell;  
which were the darker  
none could tell"*





## Sophomore Roll

BERRY, DORIS  
 BOYD, RHODES  
 BRAMMER, THURMAN  
 CLARK, TERRELL  
 COLEMAN, ALMA  
 DAVIS, VIRGINIA  
 EGGLESTON, J. A.  
 FLORA, DAVID  
 GILES, JUNIOR  
 GREENALL, EULYS  
 HUTCHERSON, ROBERT  
 HYLTON, RUBY

INGRAM, CHRISTINE  
 JONES, KENNETH  
 KOGER, BILL  
 LACKEY, MCCRAY  
 LEFTWICH, JUANITA  
 MARTIN, BEATRICE  
 MARTIN, LUCY  
 MCCRAW, SADIE  
 MORRIS, MARY VIRGINIA  
 PHILPOTT, GEORGE  
 PLYBON, DOSSIE  
 PRILLAMAN, FRANCES

PRILLAMAN, GRACE  
 RAKESTRAW, LUCILLE  
 RAMSEY, KATHERINE  
 SHANKER, WILLIAM  
 SHOCKLEY, CLAUDE  
 STONE, PAULINE  
 VARNER, EUGENE  
 VERNON, GLADYS  
 WARNER, BILLY  
 WIGGINTON, THOMAS  
 WILLIAMS, J. T.  
 YEAMAN, BEATRICE

## Freshman Class

BERRY, BILLY  
BRADNER, VIRGINIA  
BYRSON, BURNHAM  
BULLOCK, FRANK  
BREWER, IRENE  
CARTER, DONOVAN  
CARTER, OTIS  
COLLINS (Jr.), P. L.  
DANIEL, HAROLD  
DANIEL, JEWEL  
DRAPER, DEWEY  
EANES, MAURICE  
EGGLESTON, GERALDINE  
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FOLEY, REAVIE  
FLORA, SAMUEL  
FULCHER, JAMES  
GROGAN, T. F.  
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HAMLIN, WARREN  
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JARRETT, MILDRED  
JOYCE, HAROLD  
JOHNSON, GENEVA  
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KOGER, MAGDALINE  
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PEGRAM, DORIS  
PEDIGO, ALICE  
RAMSEY, J. T.  
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SNEAD, H. L.  
SHELTON, LESSIE MAE  
SPENCER, MYRTLE  
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STRINGER, CHARLOTTE  
TURNER, CLARA  
TURNER, DRUCILLA  
THOMASON, DILLARD  
VIA, GUY  
WADE, MARY ELIZABETH  
WARNER, BETTY  
WATKINS, ODESSA  
WILKERSON, DOROTHY  
WOODY, C. L.  
WRAY, EDITH





## **Fifth Annual Beauty Pageant of Bassett High School, 1937**

**T**HE beauty pageant, which is an annual affair of Bassett High School, was held here on Friday evening, March 19th. At this time "Miss Bassett for 1937" was selected from fifty-two (52) contestants. All the girls looked pretty in their gowns of many colors. Each contestant was escorted to the center of the stage by a young man. Mr. Harvey Cooper was the announcer. The judges were: Messrs. H. L. Saville, principal of Axton High School; Umbarger, Educational Instructor at Fairystone C. C. C. Camp and Captain Andrews.

Various kinds of entertainment were given throughout the evening. Miss Peggie Arnold, of Martinsville, offered a tap dance selection while Miss Joan Craig gave a vocal solo. Miss Cleo Craig was accompanist.

At the conclusion of the contest, "Miss Bassett" made her appearance from the heart of a white lily. All the girls were standing around her and everyone in the audience was kept in suspense for a while. Miss Hazel Hundley, the winner, appeared holding her trophy and a ribbon across her shoulder bearing the words "Miss Bassett." She is an attractive brunette and a member of the Senior Class of Bassett High School. Miss Hundley is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hundley. She wore a gown of white taffeta with rhinestone accessories. The winner represented Heironimus of Roanoke.

Mrs. Lucille Deshazo Jones was the runner-up. She wore a purple gown made of satin. She and Miss Hundley were beautiful and the judges found it hard to choose between them.



# **ACTIVITIES**

**Athletics**

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**Drum and Bugle Corps**



## Girls' Basket Ball

*Coach* . . . . . MR. C. C. MERRITT      *Captain* . . . . . NELLIE PHILPOTT  
*Manager* . . . . . ELLERY WHITE

*Right Forward*  
DOROTHY HAMLIN

*Left Forward*  
JESSIE WILLIAMS

*Center*  
NELLIE PHILPOTT      EVELYN SNEAD  
*Side Center*—CODELL JONES

*Right Guard*  
MAXINE PHILPOTT  
MARY E. WADE

*Left Guard*  
VIRGINIA GROGAN  
REVA SHELTON  
LESSIE MAE SHELTON

The girls played nine games, winning six and losing three. The team loses next year: Nellie Philpott, Codell Jones and Evelyn Snead.

# Boys' Basket Ball

*Coach*.....Mr. C. C. MERRITT

*Captain*.....GRAY JARRETT

*Manager*.....JOHN HELMS

## *Forwards*

JIMMIE CRAIG  
RALPH INGRAM  
HAROLD MASON  
JUNIOR GILES  
PAUL HOLLANDSWORTH

## *Centers*

JOHN SNEAD  
WARREN McCALL

## *Guards*

GRAY JARRETT  
JASON GILES  
FRANK BULLOCK  
KENNETH JONES

The boys played nine games, losing four and winning five. The second team played two of the games. The first team won five games and lost two.

The following will be missed next year: Jimmie Craig, John Snead, Gray Jarrett and Paul Hollandsworth.







## Boys' Baseball

*Coach*.....MR. C. C. MERRITT      *Captain*.....JIMMIE CRAIG  
*Manager*.....PAUL HOLLANDSWORTH

### THE TEAM

*Catcher*.....RALPH INGRAM  
*Pitcher*.....GRAY JARRETT  
*First Base*.....FRANK BULLOCK  
*Second Base*.....ALLISON MAYE  
*Short Stop*.....JIMMIE CRAIG  
*Third Base*.....JASON GILES  
*Left Field*.....KENNETH JONES  
*Center Field*.....JOHN SNEAD  
*Right Field*.....JOHN HELMS

### THE SQUAD

FRANK BULLOCK	JUNIOR GILES	HAROLD MASON
JIMMIE CRAIG	JOHN HELMS	ALLISON MAYE
J. A. EGGLESTON	RALPH INGRAM	CLAUDE SHOCKLEY
JASON GILES	GRAY JARRETT	JOHN SNEAD
	KENNETH JONES	

Last year the team had a very successful season, playing fifteen games and losing only five of them. This year the team expects to win as many or more games than they did last year.

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JOYCE, EDNA	WHITE, HOWARD
MORAN, NELLIE	WILLIAMS, JESSIE





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1st and 3d Fri.—Gen. Meet.  
2d and 4th Fri.—Ind. Meet.

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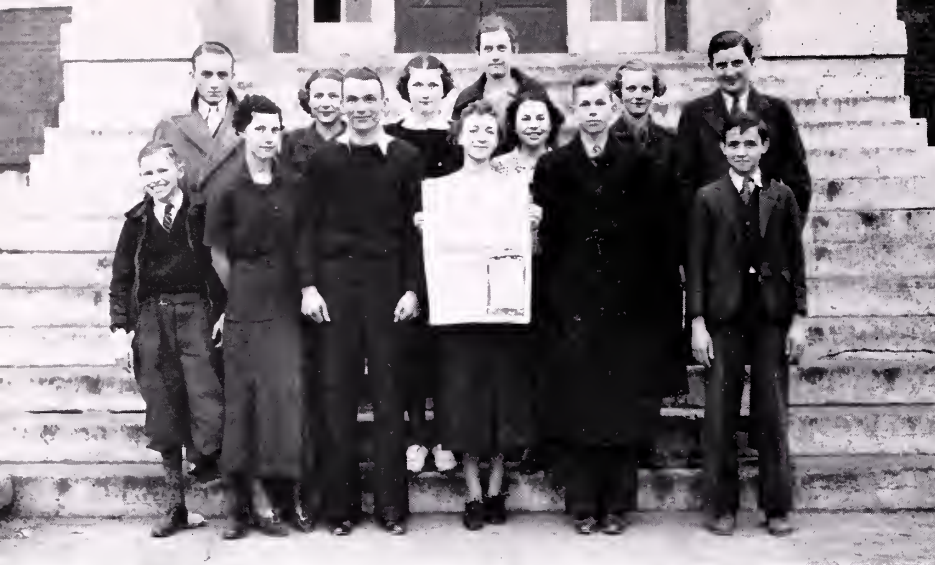
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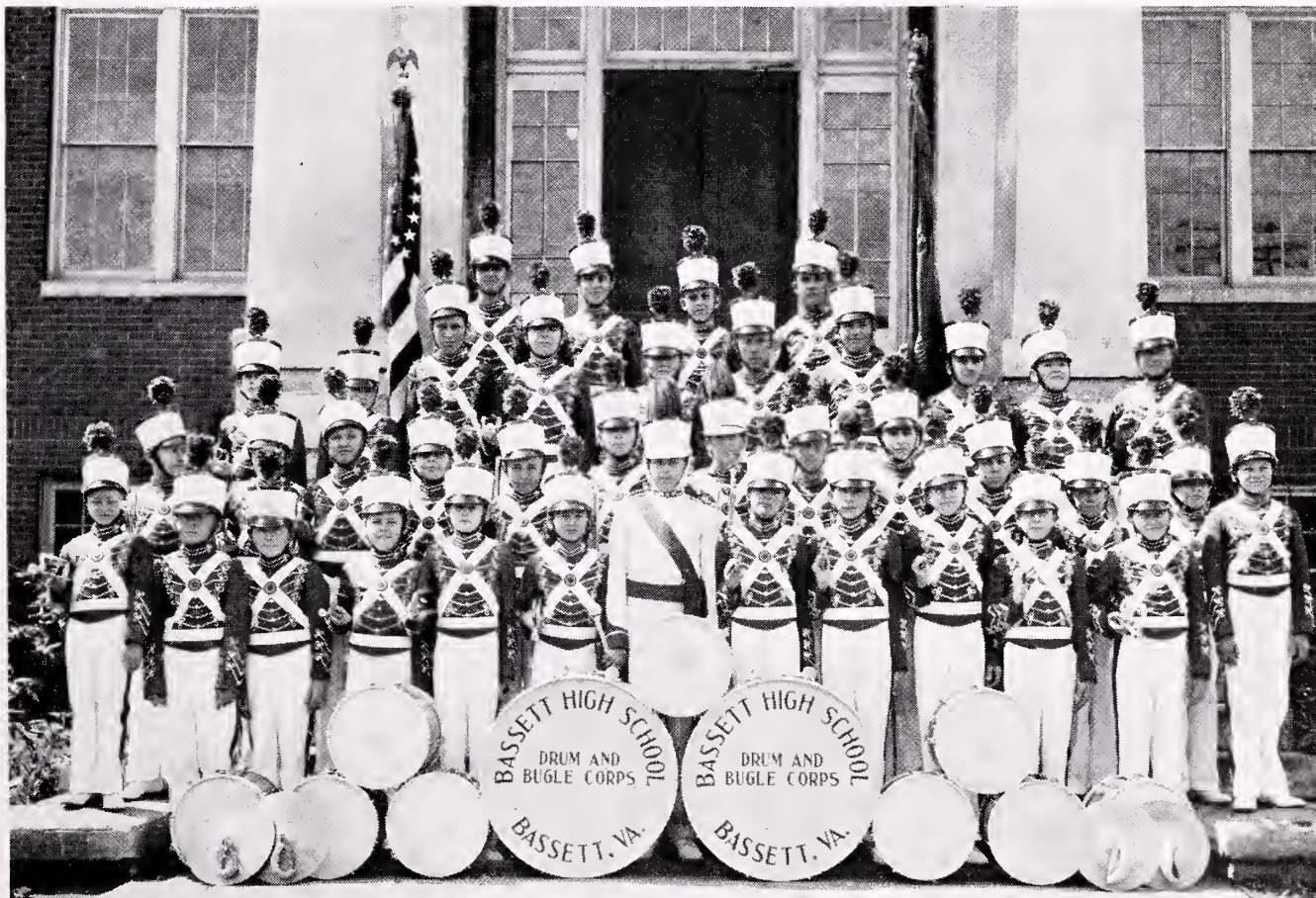
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 E. CARL HOOVER, JR.....*Bugle Leader*

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Organized during the session of 1936-37 under the auspices of the American Legion, aided by Mr. J. D. Bassett, Sr.



# Jokes

TRAFFIC COP: "I'm sorry, Miss, but I've got to tag your car. You know what that means?"

INEZ CRAIG: "Certainly! Now I have to chase somebody else and tag them and then they're it!"

CELIA: "And now, what is the brake?"

JIMMIE: "The brake is something you put on in a hurry."

CELIA: "Oh, a sort of kimono!"

WASENA WRIGHT: "You're sure this is good hair tonic?"

JOEL FINE: "Absolutely. I know a man who removed the cork from the bottle with his teeth. The next morning he had a mustache."

PAUL: "Say something soft and sweet to me, darling."

EVELYN: "Custard pie!"

JOHN HELMS: "Do you pet?"

DORIS BERRY: "Sure I pet—but only animals."

JOHN HELMS: "Start in then—I'll be the goat!"

GRAY: "Do you think that late hours are bad for one?"

NELLIE: "Sure, but they're great for two!"

JOEL FINE: "Don't you love animals?"

THELMA BRAMMER: "Joe, it's sweet of you to lower yourself, but I don't love you."

RALPH INGRAM: "I met a girl in a revolving door and now we go around together."

ROBERT CARTER: "Ho, hum, that's nothing. I got engaged to a girl with a wooden leg and broke it off!"

LORINE SHROPSHIRE: "Look at that airplane. Isn't it wonderful that man can actually fly like a bird?"

R. P. SCOTT: "Yes, but man cannot sit on a barbed-wire fence yet!"

Lorene Eggleston went into a music store and inquired of the clerk, "Do you know if you have any 'Yes, We Have No Bananas'?"

The clerk replied, "Yes, I know we have no 'Yes, We Have No Bananas'."

MACK LITTLE: "No girl likes candor—about the last thing on earth she wants is to be told what you think of her."

JIMMIE CRAIG: "You're wrong. I told a girl I know just what I thought of her."

MACK LITTLE: "And what did she say?"

JIMMIE CRAIG: "She said 'I love you, too'."

FRANCES MARTIN: "But, Juanita, aren't you getting John and Joe confused?"

JUANITA WILLIAMS: "Sure, I get John confused one night and Joe the next."

MAXINE: "I wonder how I could encourage my brother in his work."

ELSIE: "What does he do?"

MAXINE: "He's building a bridge in Philpott."

ELSIE: "That's easy. Send him a cable."

GRAY JARRETT: "That's a queer pair of stockings you have on, Alton—one red and the other green."

ALTON PURDY: "Yes, and I've another pair like it at home."

JOHN HELMS: "My partner and I are taking a trip through the desert next week. He's taking along a gallon of whiskey for rattlesnake bites."

MR. MERRITT: "And what are you taking along?"

JOHN HELMS: "Two rattlesnakes."

CELIA SHANKER: "Don't you sailors have a special ship where you get your hair cut? A sort of floating barber shop?"

SAILOR: "No, there ain't no such ships in our fleet."

CELIA SHANKER: "Then what are these clipper ships I've heard so much about?"

An American film actress was applying for a passport.

PAUL (clerk): "Married?"

THELMA (actress): "Occasionally."

LORINE SHROPSHIRE: "I found something very absorbing on your desk."

JOHNNIE (poet) (highly delighted): "Indeed! One of my poems, I presume."

LORINE SHROPSHIRE: "No, a piece of blotting paper."

HAZEL HUNDLEY: "Do you mean to say that John Helms spent a tidy sum on Elsie Metz last night?"

ODESSA TURNER: "Yes, the dollar bill was folded six times, very neatly."

HOWARD WHITE: "I think the fellow was right who said your head was a vacuum."

DOT HAMLIN: "Oh, yeah? Well, that means nothing in my young life."

ELMEAD TURNER: "Why are you eating with your knife?"

JOEL FINE: "My fork leaks."

MR. AUSBURNE: "Son, I'm spanking you because I love you."

JOHNNIE: "I'd sure like to be big enough to return your love."

ROBERT CARTER: "My lad, are you to be my caddie?"

PAUL HOLLANDSWORTH: "Yes, sir."

ROBERT: "And how are you at finding lost balls?"

PAUL: "Very good, sir."

ROBERT: "Well, look around and find one so we can start the game."

R. P. SCOTT: "Who is that man over there snapping his fingers?"

WASENA: "That's a deaf-mute with the hiccups."

MABEL JOYCE: "That new farm-hand is terribly dumb."

FRANCES MARTIN: "How's that?"

MABEL JOYCE: "He found some milk bottles in the grass and insisted he had found a cow's nest."



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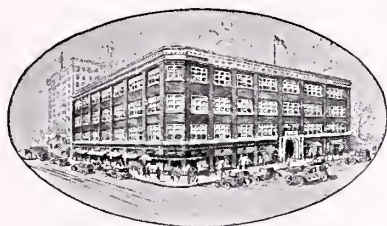
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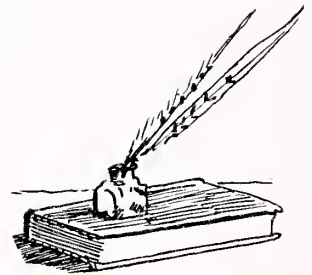
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